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1. Rafael Heredia, an attorney, is one of the legal consultants to the Venezuelan Junta of Government. He is a close friend of Miguel Moreno, Secretary of the Junta, through whom he is reported to have obtained his assignment.
2. Heredia was reported to have been born in Guanare, state of Portuguesa, about 1915. In June 1936 he was a member of the editorial staff of La Voz del Estudiante, organ of the Federacion de Estudiantes de Venezuela (FEV), and also served as a member of the directive board of the FEV. On 10 February 1937 he was arrested for taking part in disturbances at the Central University in Caracas which led to the death of several persons. He was rearrested in May 1937 on political charges. On 11 December 1938 he was elected councilman for the San Juan parish of Caracas, supported by leftists.
3. As a student he was described as being of Communist tendencies although he purported to be a leftist or socialist. He is quoted as having told friends in connection with his political beliefs that "the means are not important, the end is what matters."
4. Heredia was reported as an active leader in Union Municipal, Communist-front organization active in Venezuela between 1938 and 1941. According to Ultimas Noticias on 13 October 1941 he was reported as one of five persons taking an active part in a Union Municipal meeting.
5. In March 1945 it was reported that Heredia was a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Venezuela (PCV) and that he held the post of Secretary of Feminine Organization. Heredia was also a member of the Political Bureau at that time.
6. In 1947 Heredia moved from Caracas to a sugar hacienda which he owned in the state of Trujillo, and he lived there during the AD regime. He maintained his contacts in Caracas and shortly after the 1948 revolution was invited to join the group of legal consultants to the Junta.

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7. It is reported that Heredia continues in his Communist sympathies and that by reason of his position he is able to exert some influence in the furtherance of Communist aims. At the time of the 12 October 1951 bomb incident in Caracas the first official announcement of the affair was read over the government broadcasting station on that evening. This announcement blamed the AD elements but said nothing of Communist participation, as did all subsequent government reports. Heredia is said to have drafted this initial report, purposely omitting reference to the Communists.

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